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Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
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Dear Speaker Eves,

When I introduced my budget proposal in January, I stated my ultimate goal is the total elimination of Maine's personal income tax. I also vowed to offer a Constitutional amendment specifying a date to abolish it, which is why I write to you today. I now have received the final text of that amendment from the Revisor's office. In short order, I will introduce LR 1983, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Eliminate the Income Tax", and I invite you to sign on to this bill as a co-sponsor making public your support for leading Maine to prosperity.

To ensure that any income tax cut is permanent and cannot be reinstated by future legislatures, it is critical that we change the Constitution. We must remove the burden that the personal income tax places on Maine families – from retirees on fixed incomes to job creators – by amending the Constitution of the State of Maine to eliminate the personal income tax levied by our State once and for all. I realize I am asking elected officials to voluntarily give up power they currently wield. However, I have travelled around our state these last few months talking to Mainers in town halls, addressing business and civic organizations and speaking at many other forums, it has become clear to me that the people who elected us agree that the path to prosperity for Maine is a future with no State income tax. After all, the true power comes from the people of Maine, and every elected official works on their behalf.

If you wish to sign onto this proposal as a co-sponsor, please contact my office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21. I hope you will do so. Bringing prosperity to the State of Maine is a bi-partisan issue, and I urge you to join me in this effort.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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